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Applicants are responding to the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, through the undersigned attorney. You are authorized to charge any additional filing fee to Deposit Account No: 04-1644.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

You are requested to amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A wheeled conveyance of a type designed to be moved by pushing, pulling, or pedaling along a supporting surface, the wheeled conveyance having a metal chassis and having wheels, which are adapted to support the metal chassis above the supporting surface and which may isolate the metal chassis electrically from the supporting surface, the metal chassis being adapted to be grounded to the supporting surface by an elongate member arranged to drag along the supporting surface when the wheeled conveyance is moved along the supporting surface, the elongate member being made from a non-metallic, static-dissipative material, at least where the elongate member drags along the supporting surface, wherein each wheel has an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and wherein the elongate member is mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels.

You are requested to cancel claim 6.

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You are requested to amend claim 7 to read as follows:

Q2 7. (Amended) A wheeled conveyance of a type designed to be manually moved, by pushing or pulling, along a supporting surface, the wheeled conveyance having a metal chassis and having wheels, which are adapted to support the metal chassis above the supporting surface and which isolate the metal chassis electrically from the supporting surface, the metal chassis being adapted to be grounded to the supporting surface by an elongate member arranged to drag along the supporting surface when the wheeled conveyance is moved along the supporting surface, the elongate member being static-dissipative, each wheel having an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and the elongate member being mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels, wherein each wheel has an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and wherein the elongate member is mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels.

Q3 8. You are requested to add claim 8 as follows:

8. The wheeled conveyance of any preceding claim wherein the wheeled conveyance is a shopping cart.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1, upon which claims 2 through 5 continue to depend, and claim 7 to call for the metal chassis being adapted to be grounded to the supporting surface, as the examiner suggested, and to recite that the wheels are adapted to support the metal chassis above the supporting surface. Applicants submit, therefore, that there is no further basis for a rejection of any claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants have amended claim 1, moreover, and claim 7, similarly, to recite that each wheel has an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and that the elongate member is mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels.

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Neither Pullen (U.S. Patent No. 1,920,889) nor Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 4,321,653) discloses or suggests such a member mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of a wheel, as claimed. Neither Warlop (U.S. Patent No. 4,697,300) nor Wray (U.S. Patent No. 4,866,565) discloses or suggests such a member mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of a wheel, as claimed. Applicants submit, therefore, that there is no further basis for a rejection of any claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants submit, therefore, that claim 1, as amended, its dependent claims, claim 7, as amended, and claim 8, as added, should be now allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A wheeled conveyance of a type designed to be moved by pushing, pulling, or pedaling along a supporting surface, the wheeled conveyance having a metal chassis and having wheels, which are adapted to support the metal chassis above the supporting surface and which may isolate the metal chassis electrically from the supporting surface, the metal chassis being adapted to be grounded to the supporting surface by an elongate member arranged to drag along the supporting surface when the wheeled conveyance is moved along the supporting surface, the elongate member being made from a non-metallic, static-dissipative material, at least where the elongate member drags along the supporting surface, wherein each wheel has an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and wherein the elongate member is mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels.

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A wheeled conveyance of a type designed to be manually moved, by pushing or pulling, along a supporting surface, the wheeled conveyance having a metal chassis and having wheels, which are adapted to support the metal chassis above the supporting surface and which isolate the metal chassis electrically from the supporting surface, the metal chassis being adapted to be grounded to the supporting surface by an elongate member arranged to drag along the supporting surface when the wheeled conveyance is moved along the supporting surface, the elongate member being static-dissipative, each wheel having an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and the elongate member being mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels, wherein each wheel has an axle, on which said wheel is rotatable, and wherein the elongate member is mounted mechanically and electrically to the axle of one of the wheels.

Claim 8 has been added as follows:

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8. The wheeled conveyance of any preceding claim wherein the wheeled conveyance is a shopping cart.

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